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## **Press Release**

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### **THE TOWN OF CANAAN COMMENCES HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING**

The Canaan Fire Chief/EMD met with June Garneau of Mapping and Planning Solutions and other team members from Canaan to work on the required five-year update to the **2017 Canaan Hazard Mitigation Plan**. The Town and Mapping and Planning Solutions are conducting a series of Hazard Mitigation meetings to develop the plan over the next few months.

During these public meetings, the planning team will address natural, technological, and human-caused hazards such as Inland Flooding, Long-Term Utility Outage, and Transport Accidents; the team will also determine “Action Items” to help mitigate the effects of these hazards. The team will also review shelter sites and the need for generators at those sites.

By examining critical infrastructure and key resources, along with past hazards, the team will establish priorities for future mitigation projects and steps that can be taken to increase public awareness of hazards in general.

As mandated by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, all municipalities must complete a local Hazard Mitigation Plan to qualify for Federal Emergency Management Administration funding should a natural disaster occur. The planning processes are made possible by grants from FEMA.

The Hazard Mitigation Planning Team is currently being formed. Canaan citizens and any interested stakeholders are invited to participate. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 13, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** via “Zoom”. The public is encouraged to attend all meetings. All interested parties should contact John Hennessy, Fire Chief/EMD, by email, [cfchief@canaannh.org](mailto:cfchief@canaannh.org), to be included in the process; interested parties will be added to the Zoom meeting invitation list. Future meetings are planned for November 17, December 8, January 12, and February 9, all at 10:00 AM.

More information on the hazard mitigation planning process is available from June Garneau at Mapping and Planning Solutions, [jgarneau@mappingandplanning.com](mailto:jgarneau@mappingandplanning.com).